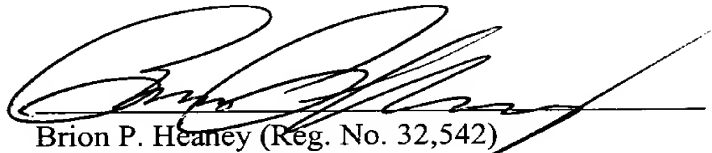


REMARKS

Claim 19 corresponds to claim 58 of the parent application which was canceled by the amendment of November 3, 1999.

Applicants intend to institute an interference between the instant application and Cheng et al. U.S. 5,869,461.

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